

THIRTY-NINTH DAY

MONDAY, MARCH 24, 1997

PROCEEDINGS

The Senate met at 11:00 a.m. pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by the President.

The roll was called and the following Senators were present: Armbrister, Barrientos, Bivins, Brown, Cain, Duncan, Ellis, Fraser, Gallegos, Galloway, Harris, Haywood, Lindsay, Lucio, Luna, Madla, Moncrief, Nelson, Nixon, Ogden, Patterson, Ratliff, Shapiro, Shapleigh, Sibley, Truan, Wentworth, West, Whitmire, Zaffirini.

Absent-excused: Carona.

The President announced that a quorum of the Senate was present.

James Morris, former Senate Doorkeeper, offered the invocation as follows:

Eternal Father, prince of peace, our day is made better because of this opportunity to pause for just a moment and give thanks for Your grace that sustains us and Your love that makes us an extension of Yourself.

We thank You for these who have assembled again to seek solutions, to probe that which is yet unstudied, to pursue that which is right for Texas and its people. These are special people set aside for a special work.

Provide to Your servant, Bob Bullock, clear, untinted vision, strength, and stamina aplenty for the long pull.

Give high expectation to all who serve here today and the days that follow. This is our prayer and our petition this morning. We offer it in Your name and for Your sake. Amen.

On motion of Senator Truan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal of the proceedings of Thursday, March 20, 1997, was dispensed with and the Journal was approved.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

On motion of Senator Truan, Senator Carona was granted leave of absence for today on account of illness.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 79

On motion of Senator Ellis and by unanimous consent, Senator Lindsay will be shown as Co-author of **SB 79**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 163

On motion of Senator Zaffirini and by unanimous consent, Senator Shapleigh will be shown as Co-author of **SB 163**.

CO-AUTHORS OF SENATE BILL 253

On motion of Senator Barrientos and by unanimous consent, Senators Madla, Haywood, and Shapleigh will be shown as Co-authors of **SB 253**.

CO-AUTHORS OF SENATE BILL 951

On motion of Senator Ellis and by unanimous consent, Senators Madla and Truan will be shown as Co-authors of **SB 951**.

CO-AUTHORS OF SENATE BILL 1055

On motion of Senator Haywood and by unanimous consent, Senators Lindsay and Madla will be shown as Co-authors of **SB 1055**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 1060

On motion of Senator Patterson and by unanimous consent, Senator Lucio will be shown as Co-author of **SB 1060**.

CO-AUTHORS OF SENATE BILL 1571

On motion of Senator Madla and by unanimous consent, Senators Gallegos and Luna will be shown as Co-authors of **SB 1571**.

**INTRODUCTION OF
BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS POSTPONED**

Senator Truan was recognized and announced that the introduction of bills and resolutions on first reading would be postponed until the end of today's session.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

The following Message from the Governor was read and was referred to the Committee on Nominations:

Austin, Texas
March 24, 1997

TO THE SENATE OF THE SEVENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE,
REGULAR SESSION:

I ask the advice, consent and confirmation of the Senate with respect to the following appointments:

TO BE A MEMBER OF THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS
INFRASTRUCTURE FUND BOARD for a term to expire August 31, 2001:

WILLIAM B. MITCHELL

16015 Fontaine

Austin, Texas 78734

Mr. Mitchell will be filling the unexpired term of Carolyn Bacon of Dallas who resigned.

TO BE MEMBERS OF THE AUTOMOBILE THEFT PREVENTION
AUTHORITY for terms to expire February 1, 2003:

PATRICIA T. AYALA
2504 Nashville Avenue
El Paso, Texas 79930

Ms. Ayala will be replacing Mateele Rittgers.

MACARIO TRISTAN
4208 Red Spruce
Carrollton, Texas 75007

Mr. Tristan will be replacing W. Troy McClain.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/George W. Bush
Governor of Texas

RESOLUTION SIGNED

The President announced the signing of the following enrolled resolution in the presence of the Senate: **HCR 157**

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

HOUSE CHAMBER
Austin, Texas
Monday, March 24, 1997

The Honorable President of the Senate
Senate Chamber
Austin, Texas

Mr. President:

I am directed by the House to inform the Senate that the House has taken the following action:

THE HOUSE HAS PASSED THE FOLLOWING MEASURES:

HCR 129, Designating March 24, 1997, as Balch Springs Day at the State Capitol.

HCR 167, Honoring Devon Ann Welsch, the reigning 1997 Texas Junior Miss.

Respectfully,

/s/Sharon Carter, Chief Clerk
House of Representatives

SESSION TO CONSIDER EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS

The President announced the time had arrived to consider the executive appointments to agencies, boards, and commissions. Notice of submission

of these names for consideration was given Thursday, March 20, 1997, by Senator Madla.

Senator Madla moved confirmation of the nominees reported Thursday by the Committee on Nominations.

The President asked if there were requests to sever nominees.

There were no requests offered.

NOMINEES CONFIRMED

The following nominees as reported by the Committee on Nominations were confirmed by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Absent-excused: Carona.

Adjutant General: BRIGADIER GENERAL DANIEL JAMES III, Travis County.

Members, State Board of Pharmacy: ROBERTA WILLIAMS HIGH, Haskell County; IRA WAYNE McCONNELL, Harris County; OREN M. PEACOCK, Jr., Dallas County; BILL C. PITTMAN, Travis County.

Members, Texas Real Estate Commission: MARIA GONZALEZ-AVILA, Bexar County; CHARLES MICHAEL BRODIE, Collin County; KAY SUTTON, Midland County.

Members, State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers: ERNEST DAVID DORCHESTER, P.E., Midland County; EDMUNDO R. GONZALEZ, Jr., Cameron County; DANNY R. PERKINS, Harris County.

Members, Texas Growth Fund Board of Trustees: SUZANNE B. KRISCUNAS, Dallas County; TIMOTHY P. ROTH, Ph.D., El Paso County.

Member, Texas State Board of Medical Examiners District One Review Committee: HERMAN LOTT KOESTER, M.D., Galveston County.

Members, Texas State Board of Medical Examiners District Two Review Committee: DAVID BAUCOM, Hopkins County; H. JANE CHIHAI, M.D., Ph.D., Denton County; ALLAN N. SHULKIN, M.D., Dallas County; BUD ROGER SIEBENLIST, M.D., Harrison County; RODNEY M. WISEMAN, D.O., Smith County.

Members, Texas State Board of Medical Examiners District Three Review Committee: ROBERT C. HENDERSON II, M.D., Randall County; IRVIN ZEITLER, D.O., Tom Green County.

Member, Texas State Board of Medical Examiners District Four Review Committee: MANUEL G. GUAJARDO, M.D., Cameron County.

Member, Executive Council of Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Examiners: MARTHA RODRIGUEZ, Bexar County.

Members, Texas State Board of Physician Assistant Examiners: DWIGHT M. DETER, P.A., El Paso County; GLENN S. FORBES, Tarrant County; TONY GENE HEDGES, D.O., Lamb County.

Members, Texas State Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners: TERESA BARRIOS-OGDEN, D.P.M., Bexar County; CHARLES STANLEY CHURCHWELL, Jr., D.P.M., J.D., Collin County; ALEX L. GARCIA, Jr., Nueces County; BARBARA GAIL JOINER YOUNG, Harris County.

Members, Produce Recovery Fund Board: STEVEN DEXTER JONES, Lubbock County; ROBERT B. LYONS, Potter County; LY H. NGUYEN, Brazoria County; JOYCE COOK OBST, Hidalgo County; BYRON EDWARD WHITE, Tarrant County.

Members, Real Estate Research Advisory Committee: JOSEPH ANTHONY ADAME, Nueces County; CARLOS MADRID, Jr., Bexar County; CATHERINE MILLER, Tarrant County; MARJORY KAY MOORE, Howard County; ANGELA S. MYRES, Harris County; JERRY L. SCHAFFNER, Lubbock County; GLORIA VAN ZANDT, Tarrant County.

Members, State Seed and Plant Board: JOE M. CRANE, Matagorda County; CHARLES A. LEAMONS, Washington County; KATHERINE CAVE PATRICK, Nueces County.

Members, Board of Tax Professional Examiners: CAROL AUTRY, Randall County; WAYNE R. HAWKINS, Bowie County; LINDA D. JAYNES, Hale County; FOY MITCHELL, Jr., Collin County.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 129

The President laid before the Senate the following resolution:

HCR 129, Designating March 24, 1997, as Balch Springs Day at the State Capitol.

CAIN

The resolution was read.

On motion of Senator Cain and by unanimous consent, the resolution was considered immediately and was adopted by a viva voce vote.

GUESTS PRESENTED

Senator Cain was recognized and introduced to the Senate Balch Springs Mayor David Haas, Mayor Pro Tempore Nancy Sikes, Council Member Troy Mills, Council Member Betty Lindsey, Council Member Sammy Moon, Police Chief Gary Adams, City Manager Angie Warner, and a delegation of citizens from Balch Springs.

The Senate welcomed its guests.

CAPITOL PHYSICIAN

Senator Shapiro was recognized and presented Dr. Nicholas Padron of Dallas as the "Doctor for the Day."

The Senate welcomed Dr. Padron and thanked him for his participation in the "Capitol Physician" program sponsored by the Texas Academy of Family Physicians.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 167

The President laid before the Senate the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The Texas Legislature is proud to honor Devon Ann Welsch, the reigning 1997 Texas Junior Miss; and

WHEREAS, The daughter of David and Carol Welsch, this Seguin High School senior has already received numerous awards for her diverse accomplishments; a member of the National Honor Society, she won the title of Seguin Junior Miss in 1996 and has also been named to the American Legion Auxiliary's Bluebonnet Girls' State; and

WHEREAS, Through the years, Ms. Welsch has participated in numerous extracurricular activities; a Matador Scholar and a former cheerleader, she has been involved with the Rotary Interact Club, the Key Club, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and Gold Battalion as well, and she was honored for her school spirit when she was recently named Homecoming Duchess; and

WHEREAS, This accomplished young woman has also earned renown as a dancer and has delighted audiences with inspired performances with the Texas Ballet Concerto and Ballet West; she excelled in the "I Love Dance" competition two years ago to garner three first-place trophies, and her warm and caring demeanor also earned her a nomination as the event's Sweetheart; and

WHEREAS, Although her studies and her dancing keep her quite busy, Ms. Welsch still finds time to devote to community service; she has packaged donations for the Salvation Army, volunteered at the Guadalupe County Women's Shelter Resale Shop, participated in the Guadalupe River Clean Up, and assisted with the Kiwanis Club's fund-raiser, the Flap-Jack Jamboree; and

WHEREAS, In all her endeavors, she has been sustained by her deep religious faith; she is an active member of the Faith Lutheran Church youth group and has assisted in caring for children at the church's preschool; and

WHEREAS, Devon Welsch is a poised and accomplished young woman who will undoubtedly go far in life, and her lively intelligence and gracious manner will continue to provide admirable representation for the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the 75th Legislature of the State of Texas hereby congratulate Devon Ann Welsch on her selection as 1997 Texas Junior Miss and extend to her best wishes on her forthcoming participation in the America's Junior Miss Pageant; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be prepared for Ms. Welsch as an expression of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives and Senate.

WENTWORTH

The resolution was read.

On motion of Senator Wentworth and by unanimous consent, the resolution was considered immediately and was adopted by a rising vote of the Senate.

GUESTS PRESENTED

Senator Wentworth was recognized and introduced to the Senate Devon Ann Welsch, 1997 Texas Junior Miss, her parents David and Carol Welsch, and Paget Calendar, State Chair of the pageant, accompanied by her husband Wayne Calendar.

The Senate welcomed its guests.

(Senator Zaffirini in Chair)

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 163

The President Pro Tempore laid before the Senate the following resolution:

HCR 163, Granting the House and Senate permission to adjourn for more than three days during the period beginning on March 26, 1997, and ending on April 1, 1997.

TRUAN

The resolution was read.

On motion of Senator Truan and by unanimous consent, the resolution was considered immediately and was adopted by a viva voce vote.

(President in Chair)

SENATE RESOLUTION 148

Senator Truan offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, On the fifth day of June, 1921, in Huntsville, the county seat of Walker County, Texas, there was born to the marriage of James Walter and Ethel Moore Morris, their fourth child, whom they named James Walter Morris, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, During an eventful and adventurous youth in Huntsville and Walker County, James participated enthusiastically and successfully in animal husbandry, athletics, Boy Scouting, hunting, and other wholesome endeavors; he gained valuable experience while working at the J. Robert King Drug Store and for other local merchants; one of his more memorable experiences was an encounter with Clyde Barrow and Bonnie Parker; and

WHEREAS, Young James matriculated at Huntsville High School, where, increasing in height but not yet in girth, he participated in athletics as a member of the basketball and football teams before graduating in 1938; to this day, he is a proud "Huntsville Hornet"; and

WHEREAS, After leaving his native Huntsville, James worked in the shipyards in Houston, where he contributed to the defense of his country in the construction of "Liberty Ships"; and

WHEREAS, He enlisted in the United States Navy and served with honor aboard the U.S.S. *Rockford* in the South Pacific theatre of naval operations during World War II; James remained active in the United States Naval Reserve and was recalled to active service aboard the U.S.S. *Montrose* during the Korean Conflict; and

WHEREAS, Released from active duty with the United States Navy in 1945, James moved to Austin, where his mother and his sister, Margaret Aline Morris, resided and was hired as a file clerk with the Texas Department of Public Safety; and

WHEREAS, A valuable and respected DPS employee for the next 37 years, James was entrusted with increasingly responsible assignments in its various divisions and sections, including Identification, Drivers' License, License and Weight, General Stores, Fleet Operations, Personnel and Staff Services, and finally Administration; he retired as Chief of Administration of the Department of Public Safety on June 30, 1983; and today holds a special Texas Ranger's commission from that agency; and

WHEREAS, Following his arrival in Austin, his sister introduced him to Agnes Jeanne McLean; the two young women had been members of the staff of the Honorable Coke Stevenson when he was Governor of Texas; the couple became engaged and were married at Saint Mary's Cathedral in Austin in April, 1947; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Morris moved to Alice in Jim Wells County, where James was stationed as a Driver's License Examiner for the Department of Public Safety; they returned to Austin in 1949 to make their permanent home and to raise their three sons, James Walter III, born in 1948, John Richard, born in 1953, and Joseph William, born in 1961; and

WHEREAS, A devoted family man, James Morris is the proud grandfather of three wonderful grandchildren to wit, Christopher John Morris of Fort Worth, born in 1992, and Joy Michelle Morris, born in 1980, and Carrie Melissa Morris, born in 1983, both of Oklahoma City; and

WHEREAS, James Morris has distinguished himself as a faithful member and active deacon of the First Baptist Church of Austin; he is a loyal member and the current president of the Judge Zollie Steakley Bible Class; an active patron and lifelong advocate of the Boy Scouts of America, Mr. Morris was honored with the Boy Scouts' prestigious Silver Beaver Award; he is also active in the Texas Public Employees Association and the Texas Retired Employees Association; and

WHEREAS, He has given freely of his time and abilities to many benevolent, civic, educational, and charitable organizations and activities, and is currently a longtime volunteer at Seton Medical Center; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his life, Mr. Morris has ardently contributed to the balance of nature in the State of Texas, having harvested an abundance of game and fish from its fields, lakes, and streams while also raising, from time to time, cattle, chickens, ducks, dogs, quail, cats, and pigeons; and

WHEREAS, Since his retirement from the DPS, he has continued to enjoy the abundant outdoor opportunities of this state, more frequently from the back porch of his family's second home at Lake Lyndon B. Johnson; and

WHEREAS, Commencing with the Special Session of the 69th Legislature in 1985 and continuing thereafter through the Regular Session of the 74th Legislature in 1995, James Morris served with industry, dignity, and distinction as the Doorkeeper of the Texas Senate; and

WHEREAS, During his tenure, Mr. Morris was called upon, from time to time, to offer the Senate's morning invocations, consistently favoring the

Senate and its members and staff with heartfelt, meaningful, and memorable messages of faith and inspiration, a sampling of which was published by Lieutenant Governor William P. Hobby, Jr., following the 71st Legislative Session; and

WHEREAS, By his conduct throughout the course of all aspects of his life, James Morris has consistently exemplified to his family, friends, and fellow Texans what it means to be an American and a Texan, son, husband, father, and grandfather, and a Christian gentleman; and

WHEREAS, The Texas Senate has chosen the occasion of his retirement as Doorkeeper of the Senate to publicly recognize James Walter Morris, Jr., and gratefully acknowledge his lifetime of service to the State of Texas; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 75th Legislature, hereby express its deepest gratitude to James Walter Morris, Jr., for his unfailing loyalty and exemplary service to the people of the Lone Star State; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for Mr. Morris as a token of the affection and high regard of the members of the Texas Senate.

The resolution was again read.

The resolution was previously adopted on Monday, February 10, 1997. The names of the Lieutenant Governor and Senators were added to the resolution as signers thereof.

REMARKS ORDERED PRINTED

On motion of Senator Harris and by unanimous consent, the following remarks were ordered reduced to writing and printed in the *Senate Journal* as follows:

Senator Truan: Thank you very much, Mr. President. Members, today is indeed a joyous day for all of us to pay tribute to an individual who has dedicated his life to our State of Texas. Jim Morris served the State of Texas for 37 years with the Department of Public Safety. He later served ten years as Doorkeeper here. His record is a record of consistency and accomplishment. Born in Huntsville in Walker County, he served our country during World War II and he was called back during the Korean Conflict and thereafter came to Austin and started working for the Department of Public Safety. We have heard time and again from the Senator from Travis, Senator Barrientos, about dedicated public employees. Jim Morris has to be at the top of the list. He has served all of us as citizens of the State of Texas. When we recognize Jim Morris, we are also recognizing all of those faithful public employees that dedicate their lives to helping our citizens. He exemplifies the best that we in Texas have had and in many ways the best that Texas will have. Members of the Senate, we are honoring an individual who has dedicated himself to our State of Texas. He has worked not only with his state association of state employees, he is also active with the retired employees. He is active in his church. He and Mrs. Morris were married here in Austin at St. Mary's

church. Last year right before they were to have celebrated 49 years she passed away, but she left behind a relationship that we all ought to emulate, a family dedicated to public service. Here today we have on the floor of the Senate Mr. Jim Morris and his three sons. I want to recognize Mr. Jim Morris who is here with us and recognize his three sons James Walter III, John Richard, and Joseph William. For all of us this is a joyous occasion. Mr. President and Members, I would like to not only move the adoption of this resolution, but I would also like, on behalf of the Doorkeepers here, to present to Mr. Morris a flag of the State of Texas that was flown over the State Capitol as a memento of respect and appreciation to him for his service to the State of Texas.

Senator Moncrief: Thank you, Mr. President. Members, I rise to speak in favor of the resolution. Dean, I think you eloquently stated how many of us feel. Jim has been a shining example of what public service is all about, not just to his state, but to his community. The gifts that he has given from himself, from his own family, and the time that he has spent with us was taken away from that time he could have been with his family. His words spoken in prayer on this floor have been both meaningful, thought-provoking, and settling during some of the heated times that I recall. I think that he has been an institution on this side of the rotunda. I know that when his wife passed there were some difficult days, but he continued to give of himself so that this body would continue to function as it always has. He is much more than just an employee, he is a dear friend, and I rise to second this resolution.

Senator Ratliff: Thank you, Mr. President. Members, in this time that I have served in this body there have only been a very few occasions when I truly was sorry that I wasn't given a gift of eloquence. It's when we talk about people like Betty King and Bob Johnson and Jim Morris that I realize how inept I am at saying how I feel. I just say about Jim Morris, probably the highest honor I could pay him is that he was a friend to all of us, a true friend. He is my friend and we're glad to have him back. Thank you, Mr. President.

Senator Bivins: Thank you, Mr. President. Members, I too rise to second the motion to adopt this resolution for our Doorkeeper Jim Morris. When I entered this body, Mr. President, Jim Morris was the first doorkeeper I ever knew. I don't know if any other will ever measure up. When I close my eyes and think of how this body runs and what the Texas Senate is, one of the people that comes to mind is Jim Morris. He's the kind of man that takes an interest in each of us individually. I know, for me, he's always interested in how things are in the Panhandle and whether we've had a rain or not. I tell you that means a lot to those of us who come from the arid part of this state. I'm sure that he has taken a personal interest in each of you as well. Not only has he taken a personal interest, but he has provided spiritual leadership on the floor of this body that I believe is second to none. Because of that I felt obligated to rise in support of this resolution and to urge your favorable consideration and adoption.

Senator Lucio: Thank you very much, Mr. President. I too rise in seconding this very important resolution. Mr. Morris is the epitome of loyalty and hard work. I've enjoyed knowing him through the years. He has always been a true friend for all Texans who have come in contact with him through the years here in the Capitol and outside. I join in this resolution and respect to this great Texan, my amigo.

Senator Wentworth: Mr. President, I'm honored to rise to second the motion to adopt this resolution on behalf of Jim Morris. Everything really has already been said, but I just want to say that in my personal experience he's been able to translate into another generation that sense of public service. I'm privileged to have on my staff his son Joe Morris who served Senator Sims for several sessions before serving on my staff. He's continuing a very honorable tradition and, as I say, I'm honored to second the motion.

GUESTS PRESENTED

Senator Truan was recognized and introduced to the Senate former Senate Doorkeeper James Morris and his sons James Walter III, John Richard, and Joseph William.

The Senate welcomed its guests.

(Senator Brown in Chair)

GUESTS PRESENTED

Senator Ogden was recognized and introduced to the Senate a delegation from the Houston County Chamber of Commerce.

The Senate welcomed its guests.

(President in Chair)

GUESTS PRESENTED

Senator Ogden was again recognized and introduced to the Senate the State 3A Championship Band of Robinson and its director.

The Senate welcomed its guests.

SENATE BILL 99 ON THIRD READING

Senator Patterson moved that the regular order of business be suspended and that **SB 99** be placed on its third reading and final passage:

SB 99, Relating to the wearing of and to the offense of failing to wear protective headgear by certain motorcycle operators and passengers.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas 23, Nays 7.

Yeas: Armbrister, Barrientos, Bivins, Brown, Cain, Duncan, Ellis, Fraser, Galloway, Harris, Haywood, Lindsay, Lucio, Madla, Nelson, Nixon, Patterson, Shapiro, Shapleigh, Sibley, Wentworth, West, Whitmire.

Nays: Gallegos, Luna, Moncrief, Ogden, Ratliff, Truan, Zaffirini.

Absent-excused: Carona.

SB 99 was read third time and was passed by a viva voce vote.

RECORD OF VOTES

Senators Gallegos, Luna, Moncrief, Ogden, Ratliff, Truan, and Zaffirini asked to be recorded as voting "Nay" on the final passage of the bill.

GUESTS PRESENTED

Senator Patterson was recognized and introduced to the Senate a delegation from the Texas Motorcycle Rights Association.

The Senate welcomed its guests.

(Senator Brown in Chair)

HOUSE BILL 578 ON SECOND READING

On motion of Senator Bivins and by unanimous consent, the regular order of business was suspended to take up for consideration at this time on its second reading and passage to third reading:

HB 578, Relating to certain licensed nonresident insurance agents.

The bill was read second time.

Senator Bivins offered the following amendment to the bill:

Floor Amendment No. 1

Amend **HB 578** by striking the emergency clause of the bill and substituting the following appropriately numbered sections:

SECTION ____. This Act takes effect July 1, 1997.

SECTION ____. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended, and that this Act take effect and be in force according to its terms, and it is so enacted.

The amendment was read and was adopted by a viva voce vote.

HB 578 as amended was passed to third reading by a viva voce vote.

HOUSE BILL 578 ON THIRD READING

Senator Bivins moved that Senate Rule 7.18 and the Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that **HB 578** be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Absent-excused: Carona.

HB 578 was read third time and was passed by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0. (Same as previous roll call)

**COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
SENATE BILL 52 ON SECOND READING**

On motion of Senator Shapiro and by unanimous consent, the regular order of business was suspended to take up for consideration at this time on its second reading and passage to engrossment:

CSSB 52, Relating to the validity of certain orders affecting the parent-child relationship.

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment by a viva voce vote.

**COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
SENATE BILL 52 ON THIRD READING**

Senator Shapiro moved that Senate Rule 7:18 and the Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that **CSSB 52** be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Absent-excused: Carona.

CSSB 52 was read third time and was passed by a viva voce vote.

SENATE BILL 403 ON SECOND READING

On motion of Senator Zaffirini and by unanimous consent, the regular order of business was suspended to take up for consideration at this time on its second reading and passage to engrossment:

SB 403, Relating to funding of the Medicaid disproportionate share program through an assessment imposed against certain hospitals and hospital districts.

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment by a viva voce vote.

SENATE BILL 403 ON THIRD READING

Senator Zaffirini moved that Senate Rule 7.18 and the Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that **SB 403** be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Absent-excused: Carona.

SB 403 was read third time and was passed by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0. (Same as previous roll call)

(President in Chair)

GUEST PRESENTED

The President introduced to the Senate former Senator, former Lieutenant Governor, and former Governor of Texas the Honorable Preston Smith.

The Senate welcomed Governor Smith.

SENATE BILL 909 ON SECOND READING

On motion of Senator Zaffirini and by unanimous consent, the regular order of business was suspended to take up for consideration at this time on its second reading and passage to engrossment:

SB 909, Relating to certain electronic benefits transfer accounts that are inactive.

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment by a viva voce vote.

SENATE BILL 909 ON THIRD READING

Senator Zaffirini moved that Senate Rule 7.18 and the Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that **SB 909** be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Absent-excused: Carona.

SB 909 was read third time and was passed by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0. (Same as previous roll call)

SENATE BILL 788 ON SECOND READING

On motion of Senator Ellis and by unanimous consent, the regular order of business was suspended to take up for consideration at this time on its second reading and passage to engrossment:

SB 788, Relating to the filing of annual reports of community benefits plans by nonprofit hospitals.

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment by a viva voce vote.

(Senator Truan in Chair)

SENATE BILL 788 ON THIRD READING

Senator Ellis moved that Senate Rule 7.18 and the Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that **SB 788** be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Absent-excused: Carona.

SB 788 was read third time and was passed by a viva voce vote.

PERMISSION TO INTRODUCE BILLS

On motion of Senator Sibley and by unanimous consent, Article III, Section 5 of the Texas Constitution and Senate Rule 7.07(b) were suspended to permit the introduction of the following bills:

SB 31, SB 1893, SB 1894, SB 1895, SB 1896, SB 1897, SB 1899, SB 1900, SB 1901, SB 1902, SB 1903, SB 1904, SB 1905, SB 1906, SB 1907

SENATE RULE 11.19 SUSPENDED

(Posting Rule)

On motion of Senator Ratliff and by unanimous consent, Senate Rule 11.19 was suspended in order that the Committee on Finance might consider **SB 31** tomorrow.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

On motion of Senator Brown and by unanimous consent, the Senate at 12:00 noon agreed to adjourn, upon completion of the introduction of bills and resolutions on first reading, until 11:00 a.m. tomorrow.

SENATE BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS ON FIRST READING

The following bill was introduced, read first time, and referred to the committee indicated:

SB 31 by Ratliff, Wentworth, West

Relating to the powers and duties of agencies in the executive, legislative, and judicial branches of state government, including authorizations for and restrictions on the use of state funds and the compensation of employees and contractors.

To Committee on Finance

The following bills and resolutions, filed on Friday, March 14, 1997, were introduced, read first time, and referred to the committees indicated:

SB 1419 by West, Barrientos, Bivins, Zaffirini, Gallegos

Relating to certain admissions and reporting procedures for certain institutions of higher education.

To Committee on Education.

SB 1576 by Bivins

Relating to the development of performance measures by the Texas Agricultural Finance Authority.

To Committee on Natural Resources.

SB 1577 by Bivins

Relating to public postsecondary technical and vocational education, to the programs, operation, and administration of the Texas State Technical College System, and to the transfer of certain centers operated by the system to certain junior colleges.

To Committee on Education.

SB 1578 by Bivins

Relating to authorizing the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to hold certain meetings by telephone conference call or video conference call.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 1579 by Carona

Relating to the requisition for the return of a person charged with crime in this state.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

SB 1580 by Carona

Relating to the regulation of plastering contractors; providing penalties.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 1581 by Carona

Relating to registration and reporting by certain organizations;

providing penalties.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 1582 by Wentworth

Relating to the creation, administration, powers, duties, operation, and financing of the Guadalupe County Groundwater Conservation District.

To Committee on Natural Resources.

SB 1583 by Brown

Relating to the regulation of certain livestock feeds by the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station.

To Committee on Natural Resources.

SB 1584 by Brown

Relating to industrial solid waste management in municipal solid waste landfills.

To Committee on Natural Resources.

SB 1585 by Brown

Relating to environmental and health and safety audits.

To Committee on Natural Resources.

SB 1587 by Brown

Relating to the consolidation and use of certain accounts and funds of the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission.

To Committee on Finance.

SB 1588 by Haywood

Relating to source reduction and waste minimization plans for electrical energy production and transmission.

To Committee on Natural Resources.

SB 1589 by Haywood

Relating to the attachment and amount of certain agricultural liens.

To Committee on Jurisprudence.

SB 1590 by Haywood

Relating to the use and distribution of a regulated herbicide and certain pesticides.

To Committee on Natural Resources.

SB 1591 by Haywood

Relating to the authority of the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission regarding pollution control or abatement flexibility.

To Committee on Natural Resources.

SB 1592 by Haywood

Relating to a Red River boundary compact between the States of Texas and Oklahoma.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 1593 by Haywood

Relating to rules proposed by the State Board for Educator Certification.

To Committee on Education.

SB 1594 by Haywood

Relating to the enforcement and collection of child support; providing a penalty.

To Committee on Jurisprudence.

SB 1595 by Ellis, Barrientos, Brown, Lucio, Zaffirini

Relating to the creation of the small business environmental compliance funding program.

To Committee on Finance.

SB 1596 by Ellis, Barrientos

Relating to ad valorem tax incentives for the development or redevelopment of certain property subject to a voluntary cleanup agreement.

To Committee on Economic Development.

SB 1597 by Ellis

Relating to restrictions on the siting of solid waste facilities.

To Committee on Natural Resources.

SB 1598 by Ellis, Lucio

Relating to the use of suitable state property for community gardens and farmers markets for the benefit of low-income and needy families.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 1599 by Ellis, Shapleigh

Relating to a checking account for low-income consumers.

To Committee on Economic Development.

SB 1600 by Lindsay

Relating to the authority of political subdivisions to regulate coastal erosion and coastal flooding.

To Committee on Natural Resources.

SB 1601 by Lindsay

Relating to the authority of a county bordering on the Gulf of Mexico or on the tidewater limits of the gulf to regulate development in flood-prone areas.

To Committee on Natural Resources.

SB 1602 by Lindsay

Relating to annexations by a municipality.

To Committee on Intergovernmental Relations.

SB 1603 by Lindsay

Relating to the rendition of property for ad valorem taxation.

To Committee on Intergovernmental Relations.

SB 1604 by Lindsay

Relating to indemnity provisions in certain mineral agreements.

To Committee on Jurisprudence.

SB 1605 by Lindsay

Relating to certain criteria for enforceability of an indemnification agreement or release agreement.

To Committee on Jurisprudence.

SB 1606 by Moncrief

Relating to the regulation of dietary supplements and homeopathic remedies under the Texas Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act.

To Committee on Health and Human Services.

SB 1607 by Moncrief

Relating to the retention of certain medical records.

To Committee on Health and Human Services.

SB 1608 by Whitmire

Relating to the repeal of archaic provisions in the Code of Criminal Procedure, the amendment of the code to conform to certain judicial decisions, and other technical corrections in the code.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

SB 1609 by Whitmire

Relating to the administration of the Uniform Act for out-of-State probationer and parolee supervision.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

SB 1610 by Whitmire

Relating to the county jail work release program and to participation by certain inmates of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, with the approval of a sheriff, in that program.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

SB 1611 by Whitmire

Relating to the creation of the victim services division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice and the assignment of certain powers and duties to that division.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

SB 1612 by Whitmire

Relating to the sale of state owned real property under the management of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice and the disposition of the sales proceeds.

To Committee on Finance.

SB 1613 by Harris

Relating to the administration of property taxation.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 1614 by Harris

Relating to certain unauthorized practice of law.

To Committee on Jurisprudence.

SB 1615 by Harris

Relating to the composition of the governing board of certain airport authorities.

To Committee on Intergovernmental Relations.

SB 1616 by Harris

Relating to parking fees imposed by a governmental authority.

To Committee on Intergovernmental Relations.

SB 1617 by Harris

Relating to the prohibition of minors on premises where alcoholic beverages are sold.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 1618 by Duncan

Relating to Public Fund Collateral.

To Committee on Finance.

SB 1619 by Duncan

Relating to the disposition of unclaimed funds by nonprofit cooperative corporations.

To Committee on Finance.

SB 1620 by Duncan

Relating to creating an excess benefit arrangement for certain annuitants of the Teacher Retirement System of Texas.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 1621 by Duncan

Relating to the disposition of the City of Lubbock's auditorium-coliseum complex located on real property conveyed to the City by Texas Tech University.

To Committee on Intergovernmental Relations.

SB 1622 by Duncan

Relating to the creation of the Lubbock Reese Redevelopment Authority.

To Committee on Veteran Affairs and Military Installations.

SB 1623 by Duncan

Relating to the power of the Lubbock County Hospital District to provide facilities and hospital-related equipment, supplies, and services to Lubbock County for the use of the medical examiner's office.

To Committee on Health and Human Services.

SB 1624 by Duncan

Relating to the use and management of the state employee sick leave pool.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 1625 by Duncan

Relating to the board of directors of the Life, Accident, Health, and Hospital Service Insurance Guaranty Association.

To Committee on Economic Development.

SB 1626 by Duncan

Relating to certain offenses involving insurance fraud; providing penalties.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

SB 1627 by Duncan

Relating to the provision of certain comparison data for public school districts.

To Committee on Education.

SB 1628 by Duncan

Relating to punishment for certain assaults committed on school employees.
To Committee on Criminal Justice.

SB 1629 by Duncan

Relating to offenses under the Penal Code commonly associated with criminal street gang activity, to law enforcement provisions for investigating those offenses, and to other substantive changes and technical corrections in the Penal Code.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

SB 1630 by Duncan

Relating to motor vehicle registration.
To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 1631 by Duncan

Relating to the issuance of permits for the movement of oversize and overweight vehicles.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 1632 by Duncan

Relating to the regulation of vehicle storage facilities.
To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 1633 by Duncan

Relating to the members of the Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 1634 by Duncan

Relating to the application of the open meetings law to judges performing management functions in connection with a community supervision and corrections department.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 1635 by Duncan

Relating to increasing the efficiency of the utilization of the State ceiling for qualified mortgage bonds.

To Committee on Intergovernmental Relations.

SB 1636 by Duncan

Relating to the requirements for state agency orders adopting rules and substantial compliance with those requirements.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 1637 by Duncan

Relating to operation of municipal drainage, utility systems, and the method of establishing drainage charges for such systems.

To Committee on Natural Resources.

SB 1638 by Duncan

Relating to the conversion of El Paso County Water Authority to a municipal utility district.

To Committee on Natural Resources.

SB 1639 by Duncan

Relating to a lien for the processing or harvesting of cotton.
To Committee on Jurisprudence.

SB 1640 by Cain

Relating to transferring the school tax freeze on homesteads of the elderly.
To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 1641 by Cain

Relating to the limitation on county and municipal ad valorem taxes on the residence homestead of an elderly person.
To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 1642 by Cain

Relating to applications for ad valorem tax exemptions and penalties for making certain erroneous exemption claims.
To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 1643 by Cain

Relating to the requirement that a chief appraiser include with a notice of the appraised value of a taxpayer's property a detailed explanation of the taxpayer's right to protest the appraised value of that property.
To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 1644 by Cain

Relating to the determination of the market value of property for purposes of appraisal of property for ad valorem taxation.
To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 1645 by Cain

Relating to limitations on the appraised value of residence homesteads for ad valorem tax purposes.
To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 1646 by Cain

Relating to the election of the board of directors of an appraisal district.
To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 1647 by Cain

Relating to administrative and judicial review of property tax determinations.
To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 1648 by Cain

Relating to recoupment of certain professional liability discounts in lieu of reimbursement under Chapter 110, Civil Practices and Remedies Code; and declaring an emergency.
To Committee on Finance.

SB 1649 by Cain

Relating to usury and the regulation of lenders.
To Committee on Economic Development.

SB 1650 by Cain

Relating to the licensing of insurance agents.
To Committee on Economic Development.

SB 1651 by Cain

Relating to improving access to health care for the citizens of Texas by providing for the reimbursement and use of particular health care practitioners who are licensed by the state to provide certain services.

To Committee on Economic Development.

SB 1652 by Nelson

Relating to the consolidation of state telecommunications services into the Department of Information Resources.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 1653 by Nelson

Relating to campus or campus program charters.

To Committee on Education.

SB 1654 by Nelson

Relating to certain students expelled from public school or ordered to attend a juvenile justice alternative education program.

To Committee on Education.

SB 1655 by Nelson

Relating to the authority of certain municipalities to contract with certain municipal utility districts.

To Committee on Intergovernmental Relations.

SB 1656 by Truan

Relating to the authority to dissolve the Sebastian Municipal Utility District or transfer certain of its assets and obligations.

To Committee on Natural Resources.

SB 1657 by Shapiro

Relating to the eligibility of a person for the mandatory deferral of a speeding offense.

To Committee on Jurisprudence.

SB 1658 by Shapiro

Relating to provisions requiring notification of prosecutors, county sheriffs, and municipal chiefs of police by local community supervision and corrections departments prior to the date when persons placed on community supervision change residences and by the pardons and paroles division of the Texas department of criminal justice prior to the date when prisoners are released or change residences.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

SB 1659 by Shapiro

Relating to the release of certain information contained in a criminal defendant's presentence or postsentence report.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

SB 1660 by Shapiro

Relating to the release of information on a sex offender who is a delinquent child.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

SB 1661 by Shapiro

Relating to the application of the indirect cost recovery program to certain indirect costs of the Texas Department of Transportation.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 1662 by Shapiro

Relating to authorizing certain community supervision and corrections department officers and parole officers to carry weapons.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

SB 1663 by Shapiro

Relating to the business of selling checks.

To Committee on Economic Development.

SB 1664 by Shapiro

Relating to the creation of the offense of contributing to the delinquency or dependency of a child.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

SB 1665 by Shapiro

Relating to the expansion of toll-free calling areas.

To Committee on Economic Development.

SB 1666 by Shapiro

Relating to driver's license eligibility and restrictions.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

SB 1667 by Patterson

Relating to a jury's role in criminal and certain civil cases.

To Committee on Jurisprudence.

SB 1668 by Patterson

Relating to the duties and rights of a county auditor regarding financial records of certain navigation districts.

To Committee on Intergovernmental Relations.

SB 1669 by Patterson

Relating to the acquisition of firearms by individuals in the State of Texas, providing a penalty and declaring emergency.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

SB 1670 by Patterson

Relating to increased customer options in the purchase and management of electricity.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 1671 by Patterson

Relating to letters of protection provided by attorneys to health care providers.

To Committee on Jurisprudence.

SB 1672 by Patterson

Relating to certain standards involving the regulation of air conditioning and refrigeration contractors.

To Committee on International Relations, Trade, and Technology.

SB 1673 by Patterson

Relating to the adoption of certain plumbing codes.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 1674 by Barrientos, Wentworth

Relating to the creation, administration, powers, duties, operation, and financing of library districts; authorizing a tax and providing a penalty.

To Committee on Finance.

SB 1675 by Barrientos

Relating to the creation, administration, and financing of a regional communications district.

To Committee on Intergovernmental Relations.

SB 1676 by Barrientos

Relating to the terms of office of the members of the Crime Stoppers Advisory Council.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

SB 1677 by Barrientos

Relating to contract management projects for school districts.

To Committee on Education.

SB 1678 by Barrientos

Relating to certain procedures concerning landlords and tenants of residential real property.

To Committee on Jurisprudence.

SB 1679 by Ellis

Relating to the transfer and enforcement of certain tax liens.

To Committee on Jurisprudence.

SB 1680 by Ellis

Relating to financing of sports venues by authorizing games of skill at certain existing pari-mutuel racing facilities; providing for certain fees.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 1681 by Ratliff

Relating to authorizing certain state agencies to set and charge a fee for the use of a credit card to pay certain fees.

To Committee on Finance.

SB 1682 by Ratliff

Relating to the composition of advisory committees appointed by the State Board for Educator Certification.

To Committee on Education.

SB 1683 by Ratliff

Relating to disciplinary proceedings by the State Board for Educator Certification.

To Committee on Education.

SB 1684 by Lindsay

Relating to writs of possession.

To Committee on Jurisprudence.

SB 1685 by Lindsay

Relating to the requirement of registration of Construction Contractors who engage in contracts with any governmental agency or municipality within the State of Texas.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 1686 by Ellis, Luna, Shapleigh, Truan, Moncrief

Relating to the regulation of certain political contributions, political expenditures, and political advertising; providing criminal penalties.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 1687 by Ellis

Relating to coverage by certain health benefit plans for children with serious emotional disturbances.

To Committee on Economic Development.

SB 1688 by Ellis

Relating to a preference given to bidders who hire recipients of financial assistance and services.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 1689 by Ellis

Relating to certain counties establishing alternative dispute resolution systems for students.

To Committee on Jurisprudence.

SB 1690 by Cain

Relating to the statute of limitations for claims against licensed interior designers.

To Committee on Jurisprudence.

SB 1691 by Cain

Relating to authorizing state agencies and state employees to participate in charitable activities.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 1692 by Ellis

Relating to the provision of services in local workforce development areas.

To Committee on Economic Development.

SB 1693 by Ellis

Relating to retirement benefits for certain state employees whose state jobs are lost as a result of contracts to provide services previously provided by the state and to benefits under the contracts.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 1694 by Shapiro, Harris, Wentworth, Gallegos, Patterson, Lucio, Nixon, Carona, Lindsay, Nelson

Relating to state financing of public school facilities.

To Committee on Finance.

SB 1695 by Ellis

Relating to the duty of certain hospitals to provide community benefits and charity care.

To Committee on Health and Human Services.

SB 1696 by Ellis

Relating to the enforcement of land use restrictions in certain counties.
To Committee on Intergovernmental Relations.

SB 1697 by Ellis, Lucio

Relating to the liability of a municipality for damages arising from its governmental functions.

To Committee on Economic Development.

SB 1698 by Shapiro, Harris, Wentworth, Gallegos, Patterson, Lucio, Nixon, Nelson, Carona, Lindsay

Relating to funding for certain fast-growth school districts.

To Committee on Finance.

SB 1699 by Cain

Relating to the Texas State Board of Medical Examiners and the licensure of physicians; providing penalties.

To Committee on Health and Human Services.

SB 1700 by Shapiro

Relating to the statute of limitations for certain sexual offenses committed against children.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

SB 1701 by Sibley

Relating to the regulation of gambling and gambling devices.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 1702 by Ogden

Relating to the archives of the governor's office.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 1703 by Ogden

Relating to restructuring higher education tuition and fees.

To Committee on Finance.

SB 1704 by Ogden

Relating to prima facie speed limits for farm-to-market and ranch-to-market roads.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 1705 by Ogden

Relating to the safe operation of vehicles on highways.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 1707 by Nixon

Relating to the fines for violations of axle weight limitations for certain vehicles.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 1708 by Nixon

Relating to the application of axle weight limitations to vehicles carrying certain commodities.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 1709 by Nixon

Relating to the creation, administration, powers, duties, operations, and financing of the Lake Livingston Special Utility District; providing for severability and declaring an emergency.

To Committee on Natural Resources.

SB 1710 by Ogden

Relating to the removal of certain appointive officers from office for good cause.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 1711 by Brown

Relating to the transfer of responsibility for responding to and cleaning up certain oil discharges in coastal areas to the Railroad Commission of Texas.

To Committee on Natural Resources.

SB 1712 by Bivins

Relating to authorizing the Texas Engineering Extension Service to participate in the Skills Development Fund.

To Committee on Education.

SB 1713 by Bivins

Relating to the Texas Experimental Research and Recovery Activity (TERRA) of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

To Committee on Natural Resources.

SB 1714 by Patterson

Relating to the definition of governmental body for the purposes of the public information law.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 1715 by Patterson

Relating to required contents in a notice for the adoption of proposed rules by a state agency.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 1716 by Patterson

Relating to electricity produced from state-owned land or through conversion of state-owned natural gas.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 1717 by Patterson

Relating to a firefighters' relief and retirement fund in certain municipalities.

To Committee on Intergovernmental Relations.

SB 1718 by Ellis

Relating to the definition of certain conservation and reclamation districts as a water and sewer utility.

To Committee on Natural Resources.

SB 1719 by Ellis

Requiring an election to authorize the levy of an operations and maintenance tax by certain large conservation and reclamation districts and authorizing

withdrawal from certain districts.

To Committee on Natural Resources.

SB 1720 by Ellis

Relating to election precincts and polling places for elections conducted by large conservation and reclamation districts and the terms and election of the directors of such districts.

To Committee on Natural Resources.

SB 1721 by West

Relating to ensuring that customers receive reliable and affordable electric energy services.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 1722 by West

Relating to municipal regulation of dangerous structures.

To Committee on Intergovernmental Relations.

SB 1723 by West

Relating to the creation and powers of a neighborhood empowerment zone.

To Committee on Intergovernmental Relations.

SB 1724 by West, Carona

Relating to the financing of sports venues, other projects, and related infrastructure; authorizing the imposition of certain local taxes and the issue of local bonds; providing penalties.

To Committee on Finance.

SB 1725 by West

Relating to the historically underutilized business program of the State of Texas.

To Committee on Finance.

SB 1726 by West

Relating to full faith and credit of valid foreign protective orders.

To Committee on Jurisprudence.

SB 1727 by West

Relating to assisting small businesses to participate in state public works contracting.

To Committee on Finance.

SB 1728 by West

Relating to procedures in death penalty cases.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

SB 1729 by Barrientos

Relating to the authority of the Texas Department of Transportation to reimburse certain employees for relocation expenses.

To Committee on Finance.

SB 1730 by Barrientos

Relating to due process for certain educational support personnel.

To Committee on Education.

SB 1731 by Barrientos

Relating to grievance and complaint resolution procedures for certain state employees.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 1732 by Barrientos

Relating to assistance or benefits provided to state employees who lose their jobs as a result of a reduction in force or the privatization of state services or who retire.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 1733 by Barrientos

Relating to the approval of subdivision plats by a county.

To Committee on Intergovernmental Relations.

SB 1734 by Barrientos

Relating to the approval of subdivision plats by a municipality.

To Committee on Intergovernmental Relations.

SB 1735 by Barrientos

Relating to the authority of a general-law municipality to annex additional areas.

To Committee on Intergovernmental Relations.

SB 1736 by Barrientos

Relating to the composition of a board of adjustment in certain municipalities.

To Committee on Intergovernmental Relations.

SB 1737 by Armbrister

Relating to the powers and duties of the Texas Commission on Fire Protection.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 1738 by Armbrister

Relating to the assessment of punishment in criminal proceedings.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

SB 1739 by Armbrister

Relating to the listing on an ad valorem tax appraisal roll of certain possessory interests in exempt property.

To Committee on Finance.

SB 1740 by Armbrister

Relating to the dissolution of the Texas workers' compensation insurance facility and the transfer of certain assets and liabilities to the Texas Property and Casualty Insurance Guaranty Association.

To Committee on Economic Development.

SB 1741 by Armbrister, Lucio

Relating to the authority of the Parks and Wildlife Department to issue revenue bonds and to the allocation of certain sales, excise, and use tax revenue to the Parks and Wildlife Department for debt service on revenue bonds.

To Committee on Finance.

SB 1742 by Galloway

Relating to the oversight of recently completed annexations by certain municipalities.

To Committee on Intergovernmental Relations.

SB 1743 by Galloway

Relating to comprehensive annexation planning by a municipality.

To Committee on Intergovernmental Relations.

SB 1744 by Galloway

Relating to the provision of services in certain annexed areas.

To Committee on Intergovernmental Relations.

SB 1745 by Galloway

Relating to declaring a temporary moratorium on annexation and establishing a commission to study annexation procedures.

To Committee on Intergovernmental Relations.

SB 1746 by Galloway

Relating to strategic partnership agreements between certain municipalities.

To Committee on Intergovernmental Relations.

SB 1747 by Galloway

Relating to the financing of sports venues in certain counties; authorizing the imposition of certain local taxes and the issuance of local bonds; providing penalties.

To Committee on Finance.

SB 1748 by Galloway

Relating to certain procedures for accepting a voter at a polling place.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 1749 by Brown

Relating to benefits payable by the Judicial Retirement System of Texas Plan Two.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 1750 by Brown, Ellis

Relating to the creation, administration, powers, and duties of the Upper Kirby Management District; granting the authority to issue bonds; authorizing a tax.

To Committee on Intergovernmental Relations.

SB 1751 by Armbrister

Relating to the adoption of a nonsubstantive revision of statutes relating to utilities, including conforming amendments, repeals, and penalties.

To Committee on Administration.

SB 1752 by Armbrister

Relating to the purchase of goods and services by the state and to purchasing services provided by the state to local governments.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 1753 by Fraser

Relating to the linked deposit program.
To Committee on Natural Resources.

SB 1754 by Fraser

Relating to summary judgment in civil cases.
To Committee on Jurisprudence.

SB 1755 by Fraser

Relating to investment training for board members and investment officers of state agencies.
To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 1756 by Fraser

Relating to the exemption of certain persons from the provisions of the Private Investigators and Private Security Agencies Act.
To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 1757 by Fraser

Relating to the regulation of drinking water at certain youth camps.
To Committee on Health and Human Services.

SB 1758 by Fraser

Relating to hearings on certain exemptions from permitting procedures under the Texas Clean Air Act.
To Committee on Natural Resources.

SB 1759 by Haywood

Relating to the authority of local workforce boards regarding staffing and evaluations.
To Committee on Economic Development.

SB 1760 by Haywood

Relating to legislative leave by peace officers and firefighters.
To Committee on Intergovernmental Relations.

SB 1761 by West

Relating to the prevention of illness and disease caused by air-born particulate matter.
To Committee on Natural Resources.

SB 1762 by Moncrief

Relating to enforcement of laws relating to parking by persons with disabilities.
To Committee on Intergovernmental Relations.

SB 1763 by Moncrief

Relating to the authority of the Texas Department of Human Services to contract for Medicaid-certified beds in nursing facilities.
To Committee on Health and Human Services.

SB 1764 by Moncrief, Galloway

Relating to access to nursing facilities in rural counties.
To Committee on Health and Human Services.

SB 1765 by Moncrief

Relating to certification of certain persons who practice acupuncture.
To Committee on Health and Human Services.

SB 1766 by Moncrief

Relating to the creation, administration, powers, duties, operations, and financing of the Westworth Village-White Settlement Redevelopment Authority; granting the power of eminent domain.
To Committee on Veteran Affairs and Military Installations.

SB 1767 by Cain

Relating to the statute of limitations applicable to real property sold for taxes.
To Committee on Jurisprudence.

SB 1768 by Cain

Relating to the abolition of the Public Utility Commission of Texas and to the transfer of its powers and duties to the Railroad Commission of Texas.
To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 1769 by Lucio

Relating to the possession or use of a code grabbing device; creating an offense.
To Committee on Criminal Justice.

SB 1770 by Lucio

Relating to the transfer of certain state property from the Texas National Guard Armory Board to certain municipalities.
To Committee on Veteran Affairs and Military Installations.

SB 1771 by Lucio

Relating to the option to pay tuition by installment for junior colleges.
To Committee on Finance.

SB 1772 by Lucio

Relating to telecommunications in state facilities.
To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 1773 by Lucio

Relating to procedures affecting a person charged with a criminal offense who may have a mental illness or be a person with mental retardation.
To Committee on Criminal Justice.

SB 1774 by Lucio

Relating to the creation of a long-term care pharmacy and a long-term care satellite pharmacy license.
To Committee on Health and Human Services.

SB 1775 by Lucio

Relating to creating the Insurance Fraud Prevention Board and the insurance fraud prevention fund and making an appropriation.
To Committee on Economic Development.

SB 1776 by Lucio

Relating to the exemption of certain employees from the payment of student

fees by the governing board of an institution of higher education.
To Committee on Finance.

SB 1777 by Lucio
Relating to the creation of one judicial district in Hidalgo County.
To Committee on Finance.

SB 1778 by Shapleigh, Ellis, Armbrister, Moncrief
Relating to reports on and analyses of tax impacts.
To Committee on Finance.

SB 1779 by Shapleigh, Ellis, Armbrister, Moncrief
Relating to an analysis of the impact of special provisions reducing
tax revenues.
To Committee on Finance.

SB 1780 by Ellis, Shapleigh
Relating to procedures for and access to reports of political contributions
and expenditures.
To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 1781 by Ellis
Relating to delinquency charges in retail charge agreements.
To Committee on Economic Development.

SB 1782 by Lindsay
Relating to the disposal of dead animal carcasses found on municipal and
county roadways.
To Committee on Intergovernmental Relations.

SB 1783 by Lindsay
Relating to the use of activity-based cost accounting measures by
state agencies.
To Committee on Finance.

SB 1784 by Lindsay
Relating to partnerships between public and private entities for the
development of infrastructure systems and facilities.
To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 1785 by Lindsay
Relating to competitive contracting for public goods and services.
To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 1786 by Cain
Relating to project contract claims against a unit of state government.
To Committee on Jurisprudence.

SB 1787 by Cain
Relating to the restricted sale of wine for off-premises consumption by the
holder of a winery permit in certain areas.
To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 1788 by Cain
Relating to exempting peace officers disabled in the line of duty from tuition

and fees charged by a public institution of higher education.
To Committee on Finance.

SB 1789 by Wentworth
Relating to the appointment of a watermaster for the Dove Creek watershed.
To Committee on Natural Resources.

SB 1790 by Wentworth
Relating to the composition of the board of directors of certain metropolitan transit authorities.
To Committee on Intergovernmental Relations.

SB 1791 by Wentworth
Relating to the annexation of a portion of certain municipal utility districts.
To Committee on Natural Resources.

SB 1792 by Wentworth
Relating to the regulation of certain persons providing travel and transportation-related services; providing a criminal penalty.
To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 1793 by Wentworth
Relating to the power and authority of the Upper Guadalupe River Authority to borrow money for any corporate purpose or combination of corporate purposes; amending the Upper Guadalupe River Authority Act, Special Laws, Acts of the 46th Legislature, Regular Session, 1939, as amended; and declaring an emergency.
To Committee on Natural Resources.

SB 1794 by Wentworth
Relating to the importation of liquor and wine.
To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 1795 by Wentworth
Relating to the taxable value of property of a school district that does not offer each grade level from kindergarten to 12th grade.
To Committee on Finance.

SB 1796 by Wentworth
Relating to county auditors who serve more than one county.
To Committee on Intergovernmental Relations.

SB 1797 by Wentworth
Relating to public access to information of the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission; providing a penalty.
To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 1798 by Wentworth
Relating to the penalty for charging an excess amount in connection with a loan or other extension of credit.
To Committee on Economic Development.

SB 1799 by Wentworth
Relating to strategic partnership agreements between certain

local governments.

To Committee on Intergovernmental Relations.

SB 1800 by Wentworth

Relating to certain expenditures and funds covered by a county budget.

To Committee on Intergovernmental Relations.

SB 1801 by Wentworth

Relating to the jurisdiction of and procedure in justice and small claims courts.

To Committee on Jurisprudence.

SB 1802 by Wentworth

Relating to the disposition of a juvenile who damages property with graffiti, to law enforcement records relating to a child who uses a graffiti tag, and to the criminal responsibility of a parent for a child's criminal mischief involving graffiti; providing a penalty.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

SB 1803 by Wentworth

Relating to subdivision descriptions in contracts to convey real property.

To Committee on Jurisprudence.

SB 1804 by Wentworth

Relating to the contents of reports of political contributions.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 1805 by Nixon

Relating to the adoption or increase of local sales and use taxes by a municipality or county in which previous elections adopting the new taxes are invalid.

To Committee on Intergovernmental Relations.

SB 1806 by Ratliff

Relating to the procedures for release of a criminal defendant on personal bond.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

SB 1807 by Armbrister

Relating to a nonsubstantive revision of statutes relating to financial institutions, financial businesses, and credit, including conforming amendments, repeals, and penalties.

To Committee on Administration.

SB 1808 by Barrientos

Relating to the international education fee at The University of Texas at Austin.

To Committee on Finance.

SB 1809 by Barrientos

Relating to the administration, powers, duties, operation and financing of Wells Branch Municipal Utility District, in Travis and Williamson Counties, Texas.

To Committee on Natural Resources.

SB 1810 by Barrientos, Zaffirini, Lucio, Brown, Ellis
Relating to the creation, operation, and funding of the Texas Youthworks Program.
To Committee on Intergovernmental Relations.

SB 1811 by Nelson
Relating to energy conservation measures by institutions of higher education, including the financing of such measures.
To Committee on Education.

SB 1812 by Madla
Relating to the regulation of body piercing parlors; providing an administrative and a criminal penalty.
To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 1813 by Duncan
Relating to the creation of a system of independent review for adverse medical determinations concerning insurance coverage.
To Committee on Economic Development.

SB 1814 by Duncan, Fraser
Relating to modifications of the Official Cotton Growers Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation.
To Committee on Natural Resources.

SB 1815 by Haywood
Relating to certain eligibility requirements for voting.
To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 1816 by Haywood
Relating to class actions.
To Committee on Jurisprudence.

SB 1817 by Haywood
Relating to future medical expenses in civil suits.
To Committee on Economic Development.

SB 1818 by Cain
Relating to the jurisdiction of the county courts at law in Smith County.
To Committee on Jurisprudence.

SB 1819 by Shapleigh
Relating to limitations on long distance service charges and related disconnections of service.
To Committee on Economic Development.

SB 1820 by Shapleigh
Relating to the creation, administration, powers, duties, functions, operation, and financing of the Paseo del Este Municipal Utility District; providing for the authorization of bonds and the levy of taxes; providing civil penalties.
To Committee on Natural Resources.

SB 1821 by Shapleigh
Relating to nuisance actions under the civil practices and remedies code,

authorizing the recovery of attorney's fees and providing for participation in the enforcement of environmental laws.

To Committee on Jurisprudence.

SB 1822 by Shapleigh

Relating to the planning and decision-making process of school districts.

To Committee on Education.

SB 1823 by Shapleigh

Relating to implementing the La Paz Agreement for radioactive waste disposal in Texas.

To Committee on Natural Resources.

SB 1824 by Shapleigh

Relating to the formation of an integrated health care system by a hospital district and a public medical school.

To Committee on Health and Human Services.

SB 1825 by Shapleigh

Relating to the State Board for Educator Certification.

To Committee on Education.

SB 1826 by Shapleigh

Relating to the regulation of private postsecondary educational institutions; providing a penalty.

To Committee on Education.

SB 1827 by Shapleigh

Relating to characteristics of a defendant that may not be used by a judge or jury to deny community supervision, and to characteristics of a defendant that may not be used by a prosecutor to urge a judge or jury to deny community supervision.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

SB 1828 by Shapleigh

Relating to enforcement of vehicle weight and safety restrictions.

To Committee on Intergovernmental Relations.

SB 1829 by Shapleigh

Relating to the annexation of the territory of the San Elizario Grant Municipal Utility District by the Lower Valley Water District in El Paso County, the dissolution of the San Elizario Grant Municipal Utility District, and declaring an emergency.

To Committee on Intergovernmental Relations.

SB 1830 by Shapleigh

Relating to the annexation of the Town of Clint by the Lower Valley Water District in El Paso County, and declaring an emergency.

To Committee on Intergovernmental Relations.

SB 1831 by Cain

Relating to sanitary facilities required on the premises of certain applicants for an alcoholic beverage license.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 1832 by Shapiro

Relating to funding for and property of regional education service centers.
To Committee on Education.

SB 1833 by Shapiro

Relating to prohibiting a landlord from discriminating against a person based on the person's participation in a housing assistance program.
To Committee on Jurisprudence.

SB 1834 by Shapiro

Relating to the offense of money laundering.
To Committee on Criminal Justice.

SB 1835 by Shapiro

Relating to the punishment for the offense of unlawful restraint and the requirement that certain defendants convicted of that offense be required to register as sex offenders.
To Committee on Criminal Justice.

SB 1836 by Shapiro

Relating to the authority of a foreign limited liability partnership to transact business in this state.
To Committee on Economic Development.

SB 1837 by Ratliff

Relating to certain business documents filed and recorded with the secretary of state.
To Committee on Economic Development.

SB 1838 by Ratliff

Relating to fees charged for records filed with and maintained by the secretary of state.
To Committee on Finance.

SB 1839 by Harris

Relating to the registration program for and prosecution of juvenile sexual offenders.
To Committee on Criminal Justice.

SB 1840 by Harris

Relating to prohibiting certain employees of a district, county, or city attorney's office from running for an elected judicial office.
To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 1841 by Harris

Relating to increasing the number of Texas children covered by health insurance; providing penalties.
To Committee on Health and Human Services.

SB 1842 by Harris

Relating to rates and forms for certain commercial lines of insurance.
To Committee on Economic Development.

SB 1843 by Harris

Authorizing certain public entities to join together to finance, construct, acquire, operate and maintain public facilities.

To Committee on Intergovernmental Relations.

SB 1844 by Harris

Relating to the criminal penalty for the aggravated sexual assault of a child under 14 years of age.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

SB 1845 by Harris

Relating to the donation of land to the Texas Department of Transportation for the purpose of construction and maintenance of certain roadways.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 1846 by Harris

Relating to the Department of Protective and Regulatory Services, the protection of children from abuse and neglect, and the conservatorship of children.

To Committee on Health and Human Services.

SB 1847 by Harris

Relating to local court processing for child support cases and to enforcement of child support orders.

To Committee on Jurisprudence.

SB 1848 by Madla

Relating to optional county vehicle registration fees.

To Committee on Intergovernmental Relations.

SB 1849 by Madla, Zaffirini

Relating to the designation of a portion of United States Highway 281 in Bexar County as the Congressman Frank M. Tejeda Memorial Highway.

To Committee on International Relations, Trade, and Technology.

SB 1850 by Armbrister

Relating to the requirement of open meetings and public disclosure of information by the governing bodies of entities that are parties to certain contracts with the state.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 1851 by Armbrister

Relating to the violation of a rule of a national collegiate athletic association.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 1852 by Armbrister

Relating to the creation and operation of the Texas Affordable Housing Commission.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 1853 by Armbrister

Relating to the consolidation of state telecommunications services into a nonprofit corporation.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 1854 by Shapiro

Relating to the fee a municipality may charge for a false alarm by a burglar alarm system.

To Committee on Intergovernmental Relations.

(Senator Galloway in Chair)

SB 1855 by Wentworth

Relating to the specification of venue for actions arising from certain major transactions.

To Committee on Economic Development.

SB 1856 by Wentworth

Relating to the inspection and maintenance of certain motor vehicles for air pollution control; providing criminal penalties.

To Committee on Natural Resources.

SB 1857 by Brown

Relating to transferring certain responsibilities of the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission related to certain radioactive materials to the Texas Department of Health.

To Committee on Natural Resources.

SB 1858 by Gallegos

Relating to monitoring and regulation of electric utilities in the provision of energy efficiency products and services.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 1859 by Gallegos

Relating to changing the status of areas within municipal boundaries for inclusion in industrial districts.

To Committee on Intergovernmental Relations.

SB 1860 by Gallegos

Relating to the creation of commercial and industrial development zones; providing for the power of eminent domain and the issuance of bonds.

To Committee on Economic Development.

SB 1861 by Gallegos

Relating to meet and confer agreements for police officers in certain municipalities.

To Committee on Intergovernmental Relations.

SB 1862 by Lucio

Relating to power of a county to regulate subdivisions in the unincorporated area of the county.

To Committee on Intergovernmental Relations.

SB 1863 by Lucio

Relating to the compensation paid to outside counsel by a state agency.

To Committee on Finance.

SB 1864 by Ellis, Patterson

Relating to the powers of certain property owners' associations.

To Committee on Jurisprudence.

SB 1865 by Armbrister

Relating to the operation, administration, and financing of utility districts.
To Committee on Intergovernmental Relations.

SB 1866 by Wentworth

Relating to changes in the property tax calendar.
To Committee on Intergovernmental Relations.

SB 1867 by Barrientos, Gallegos

Relating to relief from residential ad valorem taxation.
To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 1868 by Barrientos

Relating to the consideration of race, ethnicity, or national origin in certain actions and decisions of public institutions of higher education.
To Committee on Education.

SB 1869 by Barrientos

Relating to instruction in health and certain life skills in public schools.
To Committee on Education.

SB 1870 by Barrientos

Relating to eligibility determination and service delivery of health and human services.
To Committee on Health and Human Services.

SB 1871 by Duncan, West

Relating to adjustments in the Investment Capital Fund.
To Committee on Finance.

SB 1872 by Truan, Barrientos, Lucio

Relating to the Minority Doctoral Incentive Program.
To Committee on Education.

SB 1873 by Bivins

Relating to public school finance, including the abolition of the foundation school fund budget committee.
To Committee on Finance.

SB 1874 by Bivins

Relating to the issuance of emergency and temporary orders and permits by the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission.
To Committee on Natural Resources.

SB 1875 by Bivins

Relating to certain hearings concerning the revocation of the release status of persons under the supervision of the pardons and paroles division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice and the housing of those persons pending the hearing.
To Committee on Criminal Justice.

SB 1876 by Bivins

Relating to consolidating all enforcement authority of the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission.
To Committee on Natural Resources.

SB 1877 by Wentworth, West, Lucio, Ellis, Zaffirini

Relating to creating a Texas community investment program to assist certain businesses in distressed areas of the state.

To Committee on Intergovernmental Relations.

SB 1878 by Wentworth

Relating to authorizing certain municipal utility districts to repair and maintain streets and to issue bonds and use bond proceeds for that purpose.

To Committee on Intergovernmental Relations.

SB 1879 by Wentworth

Relating to the powers of the Lower Colorado River Authority in Williamson County.

To Committee on Intergovernmental Relations.

SB 1880 by Barrientos, West

Relating to exempting from ad valorem taxation property used to provide transitional shelter or housing to homeless persons who are military veterans or the dependents or survivors of military veterans.

To Committee on Finance.

SB 1886 by Shapleigh

Relating to the inclusion by the juvenile justice information system of information on all offenses involving damage to property with graffiti.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

SB 1887 by Ellis

Relating to an appropriation to the Texas Workforce Commission.

To Committee on Finance.

SB 1888 by Brown

Relating to the repeal of the authority to abolish certain conservation and reclamation districts that become part of more than one municipality.

To Committee on Natural Resources.

SB 1889 by Truan

Relating to authorizing the issuance of revenue bonds for certain public institutions of higher education.

To Committee on Finance.

SB 1890 by Truan

Relating to authorizing the issuance of revenue bonds for The University of Texas—Pan American.

To Committee on Finance.

SB 1891 by Fraser

Relating to the payment of a fee by commercial users to the Railroad Commission of Texas for the purchase of oil and gas data maintained in digital formats.

To Committee on Natural Resources.

SB 1892 by Shapiro

Relating to the requirement that the legislature prescribe an educational program for public school students that provides for a general diffusion of knowledge.

To Committee on Education.

SJR 39 by Ellis

Proposing a constitutional amendment allowing the Texas growth fund to continue to invest in businesses without requiring those businesses to disclose investments in South Africa or Namibia.

To Committee on International Relations, Trade, and Technology.

SJR 40 by Wentworth

Proposing a constitutional amendment to authorize the voters of Bexar County and certain political subdivisions located, in whole or in part, in Bexar County to create a consolidated city-county government by adopting a charter restructuring and consolidating political subdivisions.

To Committee on Intergovernmental Relations.

SJR 41 by Wentworth, Armbrister, Bivins, Carona, Madla, Ratliff, Patterson, Zaffirini, Lucio

Proposing a constitutional amendment to create the Texas Redistricting Commission to establish legislative and congressional districts and to revise the constitutional redistricting provisions.

To Committee of the Whole Senate on Legislative and Congressional Redistricting.

SJR 42 by Cain

Proposing a constitutional amendment relating to the appraisal of residence homesteads for ad valorem tax purposes.

To Committee on Finance.

SJR 43 by Cain

Proposing a constitutional amendment relating to transferring the school tax freeze on homesteads of the elderly.

To Committee on Finance.

SJR 44 by Cain

Proposing a constitutional amendment to limit county and municipal ad valorem taxes on the residence homestead of an elderly person.

To Committee on Finance.

SJR 45 by Brown

Proposing a constitutional amendment relating to exemptions or other relief from ad valorem taxes on property upon which approved water conservation initiatives have been implemented.

To Committee on Finance.

SJR 46 by Barrientos

Proposing a constitutional amendment relating to the election of state senators.

To Committee of the Whole Senate on Legislative and Congressional Redistricting.

SCR 50 by Truan, Lucio

Requesting the comptroller of public accounts to conduct a performance audit of the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs and the Texas State Affordable Housing Corporation to determine how the agency and the agency's nonprofit corporation can better carry out the state's housing mission.

To Committee on Intergovernmental Relations.

SCR 51 by Truan

Directing the Texas Department of Commerce to increase technology-based investments in the state.

To Committee on International Relations, Trade, and Technology.

SCR 52 by Ellis

Requesting the authorization of a joint interim committee to study the feasibility of registering voters at polling places.

To Committee on Administration.

SCR 53 by Ellis, Harris

Authorizing creation of a joint interim committee to study recent findings concerning the development of the human brain, human behavior and learning styles.

To Committee on Administration.

SCR 55 by Barrientos

Authorizing the burial of Sam L. Kelley in the State Cemetery.

To Committee on State Affairs.

HOUSE BILLS AND RESOLUTION ON FIRST READING

The following bills and resolution received from the House were read first time and referred to the committees indicated:

HB 8 to Committee on Finance.

HB 9 to Committee on Finance.

HB 218 to Committee on Natural Resources.

HB 311 to Committee on Criminal Justice.

HB 336 to Committee on Intergovernmental Relations.

HB 506 to Committee on Jurisprudence.

HB 515 to Committee on Jurisprudence.

HB 634 to Committee on Finance.

HB 680 to Committee on Jurisprudence.

HB 1154 to Committee on Natural Resources.

HB 1190 to Committee on Natural Resources.

HB 1424 to Committee on Intergovernmental Relations.

HJR 8 to Committee on Finance.

WELCOME AND CONGRATULATORY RESOLUTIONS

SR 367 - by Brown: Welcoming the Brazosport College Choral Union to the State Capitol.

SR 369 - by Lindsay: Congratulating Michael Villalovoz of Houston.

SR 370 - by Ratliff: Congratulating Paul Gordon Goughnour.

SR 371 - by Ellis: Congratulating Texas Southern University's School of Technology.

SR 372 - by Barrientos: Welcoming the visiting delegation of the Guanajuato Exchange Program to the State Capitol.

SR 373 - by Brown: Congratulating the Brazosport College Jazz Band and the Brazosport College Coasters.

SR 376 - by Cain: Congratulating William and Kate Coe of Fourney.

SR 377 - by Cain: Congratulating Emberson Eugene and Ruthie Nora Pendergraft of Dallas.

SR 378 - by Cain: Congratulating Freida and Neubron Bruner of Nash.

SR 379 - by Cain: Congratulating Horace and Doris Bratcher of Waxahachie.

HCR 27 - (Patterson): Congratulating the La Marque High School Cougars.

ADJOURNMENT

Pursuant to a previously adopted motion, the Senate at 12:47 p.m. adjourned until 11:00 a.m. tomorrow.

APPENDIX

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The following committee reports were received by the Senate:

March 24, 1997

INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS — **CSSB 436, CSSB 699, SB 708** (Amended), **SB 863** (Amended), **CSSB 1134, CSSB 890**

EDUCATION — **CSSB 133**

FINANCE — **SB 581, SB 770, CSSB 515, CSSB 745**

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES — **SCR 36** (Amended), **SB 614** (Amended), **SB 662** (Amended), **SB 802** (Amended), **SB 910** (Amended), **CSSB 644**

INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS — **CSSB 538**

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES — **CSSB 190**

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT — **CSSB 98, CSSB 216, CSSB 455, CSSB 258**

INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS — **CSSB 307**

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES — **CSSB 618, CSSB 414**

SIGNED BY GOVERNOR

March 21, 1997

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